

#### Oil now Leads all Mineral Productions in the State of California, Gold takes second place

Gold is in second place among the mineral productions of California. Petroleum takes the lead now by a substantial margin of \$6,000,000. Ten years ago California produced 2,000,000 barrels of oil. Last year it produced more than 48,000,000 barrels, a clear gain of 8,000,000 barrels over the product of 1907. The value of the 1908 product, in petroleum, is estimated by the state mineralogist at over \$26,000,000. At the present time at least onehalf of the California listed oil stocks are paying dividends and, as the price advances, so will dividends increase and stocks will advance.

All investors should get in touch with this exceptionally profitable industry. Now is the time for investment in meritorious oil stocks such as we recommend. Ask for an oil book and market letter. Sent free upon request. Our representative in Honolulu, Mr. F. L. Kibler, is a member of the California Stock Exchange of San Francisco, and will be pleased to impart full information concerning the California oil business to those interested. Call on, or write him at the Alexander Young Hotel, Honolulu, Room 50. Lincoln Mortgage and Loan Co., 166 Geary Street, San Francisco.

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### CONDENSED NEWS FROM COAST FILES

The Chinese naval board is not to

China will not arbitrate the Macag General Dudley, former pension com-

Archibald Gordon, son of the Earl of berdeen, is dead.

issioner, is dead.

Robert Comptesse is the new Presilent of Switzerland.

Astor's yacht, Nourmahal, has reurned to New York. The United States may assume a pro-

ectorate over Nicaragua. School children at Colusa, California,

will do light farming at recess. Prince Robert de Broglie has made

ais debut in comic opera at Nice. The agricultural department will

check all important imports of food. The steel trust will run the Gary tin-

plate mill with non-union workmen. There was a great blizzard in the middle West and South on December 18.

Several hundred marines are in Niceraguan waters, but none have landed. President Zelaya's resignation was preceded by disturbances at the cap-

Forty-two gas men who banqueted in New York lately represented \$600,000,-

Sacramento has hired a trained nurse to oversee the health of school chil-

The senate has approved the nomination of Judge Lurton to the Supreme

The Manitoba government has taken over the ownership of all the grain

Morgan has secured control of many ndependent telephone lines in the Mid-

Carrie Nation was ejected from the Capitol at Washington for disturbing the peace.

San Francisco society celebrated the opening of the new Palace Hotel on

A Utica, New York, court rules that poker is a game of skill and not a game of chance.

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce will press the white slave bill.

Northern counties of California and southern ones of Oregon want to form the State of Siskiyou.

The Tokio government reports that here are only 732 Japanese laborers in the Philippine Islands.

Arbuckle Brothers confess defrauding the government of sugar customs duties and repay half a million.

The woman who sued Senator Thos. C. Platt for breach of promise is in the Tombs under conviction of perjury. rebuked J. P. Morgan Jr. for smoking

there in disregard of a warning sign The late Edhem Pasha was regarded as the first of Turkish generals. He was the map who fought the war with

A flying trolley car at East St. Louis ran a mile uncontrolled, after the conductor and motorman had been shot by

Congressman Hardy of Texas wants an investigation of the charges that congressmen have been bribed to favor the ship subsidy bill.

Mrs. Oelrichs has laid five police charges against a chauffeur who overturned her ear by driving his own between it and a truck.

Prominent women in Managua have appealed to the United States, through Consul Caldera, for the prosecution of Zelaya as a malefactor.

Vernon Howe, former captain of the Yale track team, has returned to civilization after being lost for three nonths in British Columbia woods.

On December 18 an east-bound pasenger train on the Santa Fe was wrecked near East Las Vegas, New Mexico. No one was seriously hurt. Crown Prince Frederick William's

car ran into another at Charlottenberg He was severly shaken up and his adjutant, Colonel Oppen, cut on the head A German woman writer says that New York is losing Americanism because so many of her young women are

marrying, or are being educated abroad. Two aged sisters in Newark, N. J., were found dead in their lonely home. One was hanging and the other had been stabbed to the heart with a hat

Doctor Eliot, ex-president of Har-vard, has enjoined the Circle Publishing Company, from imitating his "Five-Foot Bookcase Edition," using his

#### SUFFRAGETTE BANNER FLIES ON PIKES PEAK

COLORADO SPRINGS, December 14. 'Votes for Women,'' is defying winclosed for the winter, by Mrs. Helen the country. Reine Baker, of Spokane, Washington, The invent the noted suffragette leader who was one of the eight delegates to the international convention of women held in London last spring. The flag was supplied by Mrs. O. P. H. Belmont of New York, and its placing on Colorado's most famous mountain is particularly significant because this was one of the first states to adopt equal suffrage.

#### NINE-INCH TELESCOPE WAS LOST IN FLAMES

reloped today that the most serious loss sustained vesterday in the fire that destroyed "The Monastery," on Mount Wilson, was that of the nineinch reflecting lens prepared for Professor Ellerman for use in the South Sea Islands the coming summer in photographing Halley's comet. While most of the records and documents of the observatory were safe in the president's offices, a number of scientific papers and valuable reference books



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A stringed instrument indigenous to Hawaii is the ukulele, a diminutive guitar, often confounded with the "taro patch fiddle," giving out strains of music associated only with the moonlight nights, luaus and hulas of the tropies. One is inseparable from the other, for a luau without the strains of this popular instrument would be as void of pleasure as if served without

And a winning feature of this instrument is the fact that any one can learn to play it, and it can be used for American music. Its inventor is M. Nunes, whose portrait is shown above, and he has been making akuleles for the trade almost continuously since he -A black flag, bearing the legend, invented it in 1879. They were in the palace of the king and queen and homes ter's blasts on the summit of Pikes of chiefs. That it has been a success, Peak. It was placed on the top of this invention, is proven by the display the peak shortly before the cog road in every music store and curio shop in

The inventor now feels that he will derive more profit from his labor by establishing himself in a store in town where he can display his wares. He has sons who have inherited from their father the ability to judge sound and the talent for music he possesses. Beginning January 1st he will associate his sons with him in business in one o. the stores in the Kapiolani building on Alakea street where a stock of superior instruments of the string variety will be on sale. It will include the celebrated "Nunes Ukulele," best of all instruments under this name, as well as taro patch fiddles and guitars. The ukuleles will be made under the direct supervision of the inventor and customers may feel confident of getting the best that is built.

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